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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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## RESPONSE A

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This Response is being submitted in response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2003, relating to the above-identified application. Reexamination and reconsideration of said application are respectfully requested. Please note that there was an error in the original submission of this case. The correct file number of this case is **HCDI1787**. The Office and the Examiner are requested to take note of this change.